

CONTACT REPORT

1230 - 1330 28 January 1965
Die Bruecke

with @ PETERSEN

Peppermill Case:

The meeting had been arranged at the request of @ PETERSEN who wanted to talk to us about something. Upon arrival the first thing he did was give us back the peppermill and thank us for the use thereof. We asked him about the receiving stations and recording equipment. He said he would send it to us promptly. He thought we had already received it. We asked him how the case went and he said technically, the equipment did very well, but tactically, success had not been 100%. They had indications of deceit on the part of their agent but no proof. He gave us the following information.

a. The "agent" had always claimed that the meetings took so long because the "resident" spoke very little German and very little English. Therefore the conversations were rather difficult. The peppermill established clearly that the "resident" spoke German with native fluency.

b. There was a long conversation between the "agent" and the "resident" on the basis of a document of many pages which the "resident" had pulled from his pocket and showed the "agent" and on the basis of which he seemed to question the "agent" in great detail. The "agent's" contact report showed none of this conversation.

The meeting was well chaperoned. The "resident" had a counter surveillance in positions that they would watch the principals of the meeting, as well as the entrance door. CATIDE also had a surveillance present. Two bearded, existentialist types who sat right next to the meeting table and who could over-hear snatches of the conversation. The waiter was also in on the act. He could see the document on the table and reported that it seemed to contain a series of names (no specifics given by PETERSEN). PETERSEN will give us a technical report and some snatches from the tape.

The tape was very difficult to interpret because during the conversation a banquet table was being set up right next to the table where the meeting took place, and the constant clatter of plates and cutlery and the moving of chairs, conversation of the help, interfered greatly with the reception. According to PETERSEN, the attempt was duplicated. Two peppermill type devices were used and two different receiving stations - both of which as PETERSEN said were in automobiles under the restaurant.

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